

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 1 of the specification as follows:

The present invention relates to an injection molding nozzle applicable to an injection mold ~~as claimed in the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 3 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 6 of the specification as follows:

A wear-resistant insert 50 is configured in axially displaceable manner between the nozzle orifice element 40 and the mold inserts 12 and centers the needle shutoff nozzle 10 relative to the mold inserts 12, and, just as does the airgap 15, provides thermal insulation between the nozzle orifice element 40 and the ~~[[mod]]~~ mold inserts 12, that is, the thermally highly conducting nozzle orifice element 40 is kept at a constant, high temperature reaching as far as the mold nest. At the same time, the centering element 50 precludes the cooled mold inserts 12 from being heated.